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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DUMAS, Jacques, et al.

Examiner: KWON, Brian Yong S.

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Group Art Unit: 1614

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Title: HETEROARYL UREAS CONTAINING NITROGEN HETERO-ATOMS AS P38
KINASE INHIBITORS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Action mailed April 21, 2004, Applicants hereby submit that at least claims 36, 50, and 52-56 are readable on the elected species N-(4-tert-butylpyridinyl)-N'-(4-4-methoxyphenoxy)phenyl) urea and/or rheumatoid arthritis.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration is courteously requested. If there are any remaining issues which can be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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